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CHAPTER XIII-Continued.

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"What other money?"

"That which is sent from across the water for the cause,"

"Oh, I see; there is more coming didn't talk about Alva?" then."

"Coming, yes; maybe some is here already."

"How much did you owe the bank, Wine?"

"Between eight and nine thousand; It is overdue three months; now I promise to pay it all up temorrow." "Oh, you did, bey! out of that

stuff, I suppose?" "Were else I get it, you think? Mein Gott, I have no more."

"Say," burst out Waldron suspiclously, "that's all right, but what you for it at just this particular time. yer suppose she ever found that out?" Krantz must have sent her, but what made them think you had money now? It ain't very likely they was feller got it some way, and hid it in just takin' a chance, is it? I believe his value. That was what made Harthat is all a d-n lie; they haven't got any more coming. . Only I do because he raided the room at some think they imagined you might have here and found the thing." some on hand."

"How they imagine that?"

"Search me, Wine; only I happen to know there is a feel of a lot go player safe. I don't know what the This movement gave me the support ing so under the surface. It don't look good to me, they hamping you figure they know too does much an' fense. I resorted to the same factics just at this time."

spilled mothing?

if I'm see the spilling kind. There's goay. So pury up my share Wine, kick sent the fellow shumbling over at far. so I son sure I never will see heen plenty of fellers after the dope, got then you can do whatever you pile of books, clawing at the empty and recent for doing such a thing. let me tell you, but I've let 'on hunt. Say. Fee had to laugh sometimes the you. What do you say?" way they've been fooled. You know that guy who called himself Horner?" Stre-a smart fellow."

You ber he is a d-s sight smarter than you think. He night Howner at all if you ask me; his right name in dome was Harris, as blick a crook as ever

"Harris? a crook? What was it I eaw in the paper? Wasn't he the same gug what was rrouked had

You let he was; that's what I'm felling you about; that a why I come up here to get this off my chest. He heffed this fellow Horner coming over. hive is with all his papers, and start ed negotiatin' with Krantz and Afra-He an Alva get awful thick."

"I know ; what was the game?" "To get that theek into cash, of course. He hang around for that purpose for weeks, an then missed

-A-1 knew him, an' ne Burd Y

"Nore I knew him, first time I got eyes on the blooter; but what was it to me? I'm not in this business for my health. Wine. I hever gave a desprished an along the party as-I had my grab at it. Harris an' I had it fremed their why I was out there, waitin' for a signal from him. But when you beat him to it. I'd just as soon be your running mate as hie."

"Hush! don't talk so loud! And now you say Harris is dead?"

deader. But that was my house where he was crosked, an' so I got to get out o' town. The police ain't wise so win't it?" far, but they might tumble if I hang around."

"That why you come here?"

"Exactly; I've got to have some rine right away, and it's up to you to see that I'm heeled. You know where the stuff is, and how to get it quick," "I wouldn't dare use that money yet; I haven't even opened the bag."

"The h-1 you wouldn't! You are goin' to cop off enough to pay that be seen with it in your hand in daynote temorrow, ain't you? That's what you promised the girl. Well, I'm You brought the stuff straight to this just as important as she is, I reckon, office that night, and, by God I beand I'm goin' to have my share, you lieve it is here yet. What do you bet, or else I'll make it hot for you-I'll say that."

"You haven't nothing but your own word."

"Ain't It Say, Wine, don't be a fool: there are others beside us that's got a nose in this affair. There's a saloenkeeper down on Sixth avenue. named Costigan, who's got all o' Harris' dope, an' he's goin' to keep on the traft. Then there's another felgot him exactly placed yet, but he's the guy that led up to Harris being killed. I'm the only one what knows that, an' I ain't talked before."

"Who is be- a detective?"

"Maybe; Harris called him Severn. They got the guy down into Costigan's and the three of us slugged him. They patched him up. and then locked him into a back room over in my place. The next morning they was goln' to give him the third degree. Then with him safe, Harris went after this girl, thinking she would be made to talk. I didn't want to trouble with Harris, ner Costigan either for the matter of that-they're both of 'em bad actors."

"Well, then, what happened?" That's mostly guess-work. They got this girl to come over-they was raised in the same town-Harris be turned the key on her. They was niming to bring them together the next morning, but somehow Severn must have woke up, an' got out o' the room, for the next thing I know'd he was fightin' Harris out in the hell, an' after that I found the girl had skipped out durin' the fracas."

"They both got away?" "Clean, leaving Harris belind with his skull busted; deader than a door

natt when I got to him." "And you don't know who this Severn is or what he is up to?"

"No. I don't. Wine, but he's sure got some game on, an he's got my goat. He's in with the girl all right, and knows too d-n much. That's what makes me leery about her being here pumpin' you.

"She didn't pump me." You mean to say the two of you

We talked about him, of course we couldn't help it, but she never binted at nothing, and she didn't ask no questions. Only it seems they've found out one thing that hain't been reported by the police-she knew what he was killed with."

"What's that! She told you what stuck him?"

"You bet she did; she had one of 'em herself, an' took it out of her hat, and put it right down here on the desk. I thought for a second I was going to keel over, but she didn't bothers me is why this girl should hit notice, just went on talkin'. How do

"Severn told her, that's now. It was dropped there in the dark. That ris so sure he was in on the job

"You don't imagine the girl is playin' as "

"I don't imagine nuthin, but I'm half either of them are up to but 1 of the wall, and, using it as a de- would they are not received for getting "What you mean? You have not hangin round no they now out the with feet as well as hands, breaking kind to the rest. That's my idea, to sup our his strangle hold on my throat and "Me!" he laughed rengily. "In a while there's some chance to get forcing him backward so that a swift darn please with what's comin to air for support. He would have gone

I would hear the other tramping nervocaty back and forth across the reon. His fathers to answer must



have angered the Russian for after "As a mackered; he souldn't be no a minute, he burst out with an oath "fi-n D. why don't yer say some-

"Yes of course." "Well, then, cough it up! Where did you plant the stuff?"

"It's put away in a safety vault, Wine explained, his voice almost fall ing him. 'Honest, Waldron I can't get it tonight, it's too late. The bank

is locked, and I haven't opened it.

"You're a Bar! You never dared to light. I know you, you sneaking cur. want me to do-kill you, and then hunt? That is what's goin' to happen, unless you come across, too. I'll shake the gizzard out of you, you little sneak, if you try any trick on me." He must have gripped the other.

pering as though half choked. "Speak up, you cur! This thing divides fifty-fifty. Where is it now? What's that-behind those books? low who's liable to raise h-l. I ain't | H-l, I wouldn't believe you under oath. Go get it out from there; let's

for there was a struggle. Wine whim-

have a look at the stuff." He must have fung the other clear across the room, for he came down sprawling, his body striking against the door of the closet, behind which I crouched. The catch broke under the impact, and, before I could draw back. I was in full view of both men.

CHAPTER XIV.

The Death of a Murderer. Wine, outstretched on the floor at

my very feet, stared up at me, so startled by my sudden appearance as to be speechless. Waldron, oblivious of all else but the money, now almost in his possession, was upon nis knees before a bookense, dragging

He was unconscious when we dumped or shelf, dumping them on the floor him there, and later, when my wife From behind these he had already drawn forth into view a black leather value, when Wine found voice, uttering a strange cry of terror, which caused him to glance about. He leaped to his feet instantly, his eyes glaring late mine, one hand flung back as though in search of a weapon.

I gave him no time. I leaped struight at him, striking so hard even as we grappled that the blow sent him reeling back against the bookense. He knew me then, and the recognition brought with it a fury which transformed the Russian into a wild beast, Coward as I felt him to be, now that he was cornered, with the spoils of victory in his very grasp, he became a demon, a mad dog, whose only desire was to kill.

"You're fighting a man this time, yer h-I-hound; not a whiffet like Harris. I'll blow a hole ricar through yer! Sneaked in, did yer? Well, ye'll never sneak out again! Say, how do yer like the taste o' that?" He struck with a knee in the stomach, grinning as I loosened my grip on his beard. and tried to butt into me with lowered head: I caught him instantly, with a free fist, rocking his head back and cutting a gash in his cheek from which blood spurred. If he possessed any self-control before, he lost it then, crazed with hate and the desire to kill. He was a barroom fighter, bound by no rules, capable of any ferocitybiting gouging, using hands and feet, a futhless savage. It was this which defeated him, for while I was neither cool nor clear of mind, I kept my head sufficiently to remember my training and accept every advantage that presented itself; more than that, the very threats with which he tried to good me were guides to his own action, giving me the swift hint needed for defeate

Rentizing Wine was back of me, I managed to whirl the big bulk of the battling Hussian about as as to block any surprise attack from the rest. aprawiling upon his back if Wine had smale I show my teeth and I give my not been directly in the way. As it was, he struck the other, the force of glass shivered and crashed into a could regain firm footing or realize what and happened; I was egaln upon him, breaking through his dured guard and driving my fists straight into his

The revolver in Wine's hand was discharged, the builter whistling past me, but even us the report cracked, the pressure of the Jew's tody forced the smaller man relentlessly backward over the sill. He gave interance to over the sill. He gave unterance to one wait sell of fright selensing the gun and gripping desperately at Walgun and gripping desperately at Walfrom a collar for support, then toppled over backward and west does

We noth heard the crush as the splinters of glass gave way, and the gaffar I do not get up and green somewhere for below. The Russian seemed paralyzed with terror anabic to quite comprehend what had occurred behind him. But I had seen the tragedy, and my mind worked like a firsh. He made one weak effort to spring aside, forgetful of his own danger, his guard dropped, and I let him have straight in the law. The clenched has runched into his whiskers, and, with arms flung up, he went over as if shet, his hend striking an edge of the overturned beokense as he fell and lay there motionless, a trickle of blood slowly nexing out upon the floor

I stepped back and leaned out through the broken window; three stories below, on a graveled roof, lay something black, huddled up grotesquely, which I knew was a human body, crushed belyless, its bones broken. I drew back from the gruesome sight, so sickened I received dizzaly, clutching at the sill for support. As I clung there, uncertain, dazed, my mind, for the moment a blank some one began rattling and pounding lug the thing around! You wouldn't against the door leading into the corridor.

I crossed the room, my timbs trembling so I could scarcely walk, my breath coming in gasps. They were kicking against the wood and pounding with fists, seeking to break in the lock. The sight sobered me, brought back my self-control and I threw the door open and faced them almost costly. There were four pollowmen the first a gray-mustached sergenii. Tevolver in hand, and behind these a jam of excited individuals of both sexes, peering over shoulders to gain view within. The sergeant gripped me by the collar. "Now, you; what's up here? Have you killed somebody?"

"No," I answered, making no effort to break away, still breathing hard, but able to express myself clearly. "There is a man dead, but he fell from a window. I have nothing to conceal, sergeant. My name is Severn, and I am connected with the United States consular service. Give me a chance and I'll hand you my card."

He must have been impressed by the way I acted and spoke, for he released his grasp and accepted the card fished out of a vest pocket, holding it up to the light in order to read the script.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Plant parsley seed in one of your house jardinieres. It will make an attractive plant for the house and had this guy Severn locked in upstairs. out the heavy volumes from the low- when grown can be used for the table.

Daddy's Evening Fairy Tale

MACK, THE DOG.

"Many of you have heard about me before said Mack, the dog. "But for those who



and always gives me good food. She takes me for walks and also loves me so much. simply adore

"She saves me

"Simply Adore "I wouldn't be without her for anything and I wouldn't want anyone else to take care of me.

"I am sure she feels the same way shout me, for I've heard her tell people to She wants to have me with her a ways, or at least as much as she can.

"Of course I can't go to school with her full I can meet her when she is coming home from school. And I can wall, in whall with her tisk,

"I'm I know she wouldn't want to have not other dog but her Muck. "I see an Airedale dog; tee, and I. have the a perfect disposition I have

erus area I have such a lovely home I sin't goth' to take unit diances adopted by Waldron, assaulting him and a more margina who is so

of I have never seen one so "When I am told to smile I do

"If anyone thinks that a deg canhis big body burling the smaller man got suffer they should see Mark, the heavily against the ledge of the otter of dog when he is smilling often I window. As the fellow struck, the smile you when I am not haid to smile "I allow a smile when I see Mildred thousand pieces, but before Waldren and legentals after I have been sepa rated from her for quite a time And I gets then, too and burk harple and I from up and mean when she remes

pear me. I kiss her box Whenever my municipant the famits come home who have been owny I always greet their and roll them how ighel I am re see them. I think a dog

"I'd be very rude. If I let them come

"Tid by year more if I didn't get up. and greet them. So I always do.

trade at all. I get up see burk and way my tall and while became I are an giad to see their again I tellers. to be able family you know and I'm always good to not five other they come back from my place they have Newton volvini Eng.

"But I must bull you of a regrible adventure I had one time. As you can see, it had a buppy stilling, but for a time it was hirefully

"You can see to bed a larger end ing, because you see that I also bern with Mildred and that I am bully

"But I was stolen once and carried off in an automobile. And then I was tted up to a shed. How rightly I was tled! I cried and tried to be set free "And I knew how Mildred and her family would be worrying about menot knowing what had happened.

"I did so hope that they hadn't thought I had run away, for I most certainly would never do that

"I was watched very carefully and the rope with which I was tied was very, very, very thick.

"But all one night I worked at it when I was mite alone For I had seen that my sad duce wouldn't had stolen me let go, for they had kept me in uplie of thy falw and in spite of my ortes

"All, all night 1 worked at the rope and when the dawn was just beginning and the sun was

"Tied Up." just getting up I was free "Very, very quietly I got away. And

then such a time as I had getting "I lost my way a number of times, for I had been taken off a long distance from home. But at last I

reached home, after having traveled

for three days with practically no

food to speak of. "Some of the rope was still attached to me as I didn't bother to de more than break it away so I could be free and I didn't mind if a long part of it was still attached to my collar.

"And was I glad to get home? And was Mildred glad to see me? "Well, those questions aren't such as need any answers."

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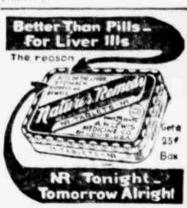
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